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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/659,020	KING ET AL. <i>(initials)</i>	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Marvin P. Crenshaw	2854	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 September 2003.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1 - 11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,2, and 7 - 11 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 3 - 6 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 11 September 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____. |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____. | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3 – 6 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

With respect to claim 3, the prior art does not teach or render obvious the total combination as claimed including a cartridge including a print media exit, the transport assembly being disposed upon operation to pick up and drive a sheet of said print media through said exit.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

- (e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States

only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1,2 and 7 – 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by McIntyre et al.

McIntyre et al. teaches a cartridge (Fig. 1) for use with a digital printing device, the cartridge including a casing for housing print media (30) and a supply of ink (Fig. 2, 38) and a transport assembly (31) adapted to cooperate with a powered gear provided on the printing device to thereby eject the print media from the casing.

With respect to applicant's claim of having the transport assembly adapted to cooperate with a powered gear, it would be inherent to one of ordinary skill in the art that the springs (31) are cooperating with the pick up roller (58) to urge the print media up to allow the pick up roller to drive the media from the cartridge.

With respect to claim 2, McIntyre et al. teaches a cartridge (Fig. 2) wherein the casing including a first portion for housing the print media (30) and a second portion for housing the supply of ink (38).

With respect to claim 7, McIntyre et al. teaches a cartridge including a shielding means (the sloping edge just before the printhead) arranged adjacent the exit opening for assisting in the supply of print media to said printing device.

With respect to claim 8, McIntyre et al. teaches a cartridge wherein the cartridge including a casing portion for housing the supply of ink (Fig. 2, 38), the casing including distinct chambers for storing a supply of different colored inks, each ink storage chamber having a corresponding ink outlet closed with a pierceable seal.

With respect to claim 9, McIntyre et al. teaches a cartridge device wherein each ink outlet is in the form of a nozzle (Fig. 2, 40) adapted to connect with a corresponding ink connection means provided on the printed device with which the cartridge is to be used.

With respect to claim 10, McIntyre et al. teaches a cartridge (Fig. 2) wherein the ink storage portion is defined at least in part by a collapsible membrane (12).

With respect to claim 11, McIntyre et al. teaches a cartridge 10 wherein the casing (Fig. 1) includes a first print media storage molding, a second ink storage molding and an intermediate molding that serves to complete and enclose said print media and ink storage moldings, whilst simultaneously interconnecting the two.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marvin P. Crenshaw whose telephone number is (571) 272-2158. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 7:00 - 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Hirshfeld can be reached on (571) 272-2168. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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